

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 and add new Claims 6-9 as follows. A marked-up copy of Claim 1 showing the changes made thereto is attached. All of the pending claims in this application are reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

1. (Three Times Amended) A recording medium comprising:

a substrate having two surfaces, on both of which are provided[;] an ink receiving layer containing an inorganic pigment[;] and an outermost surface layer containing a thermoplastic latex resin, in this order,

wherein [said ink receiving layer and said outermost latex surface layer are provided on both surfaces of the substrate and] the outermost latex surface layer forms a transparent film upon heating of the recording medium.

2. (Not Amended Herein) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the inorganic pigment comprises alumina hydrate.

3. (Not Amended Herein) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the difference in the amount of coating between said ink receiving layers on the two surfaces of the substrate is equal to or less than 15 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

4. (Withdrawn) A recording method comprising the steps of:  
performing ink-jet recording on the recording medium according to Claim 1;  
and  
heating the recording medium after the ink-jet recording.

5. (Withdrawn) A recording method according to Claim 4, wherein recording  
is performed on both surfaces of the recording medium.

6. (New) A recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein the latex resin is  
vinyl chloride-vinyl acetate latex resin.

7. (New) A print obtained by a process comprising the steps of:  
(i) providing a recording medium according to Claim 1;  
(ii) applying an ink to the recording medium by an ink-jet recording system;  
(iii) heating both of the outermost latex surfaces layers of the recording  
medium resulting from step (ii) so that the outermost latex surface layers form transparent films.

8. (New) A print according to Claim 7, wherein pressure is applied to the  
recording medium at the same time as heating in step (iii).